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The approach of the holidays has its cheering influence on the poor as well as the rich, and hard times seem not so hard and good times seem better. To all, of whatever condition, comes the impulse to give, less perhaps in accordance with their means, than with their good-will. This generous instinct, which reflects pleasure while it gives it, has now a double excuse; for it not only teaches the blessedness of giving, for which there is such high authority, but sets again in motion the usual currents of trade. The buyers of gifts find themselves so bewildered by an embarrassment of riches on every hand, and holiday shopping has grown to be a business requiring so much sagacity and system, to say nothing of perseverance and industry, that no apology is needed for the presentation of a complete guide-book to the benevolent tourists now on their travels. From the full and classified descriptive list of dealers given below, they can learn just what to buy and where to go to get it, with no doubt considerable saving both of pocket and patience. They have this further assurance that, wander as they will, they can hardly go astray.

BOOKS.

HARPER. It goes without saying that this noted old firm has a large and splendid list of books. For many years the Harper presses have sent out work as precious to readers as it was remunerative to the publishers. Their publications include all sorts of instructive and entertaining books from Robertson's noble sermons to Mrs. Muloch-Craiz's gentle and charming little juveniles. It is not necessary to say to reading people that their catalogue is especially rich in books of history and of travel. Their editions of Mr. Motley's histories make an always welcome holiday gift. Among their latest parrative volumes are Sir Samuel Baker's "Ismailia," the story of the expedition to Central Africa for the suppression of the slave trade; Stanley's " Coomassic and Magdala;" " Campaigning on the Oxus," by J. A. McGahan; and Dr. Schweinfurth's " Heart of Africa." The last (revised) edition of Mill's "Logic" and Prof. Calrne's " Political Economy" are notable additions to the library. The Harpers offer also a large number of works of natural history, interesting alike to young people and old. Their catalogue of children's books is extremely large and full of variety, including traveler's tales, sparking with delightful dangers, enchanting fairy stories and useful biographies. The Harper editions of the chief English and American novelists are very apprepriate holiday presents. Their Household edition of Dickens's works is particularly good for reason of clear printing, fullness of illustration and trim binoing. A very wise and kindly gift is a year's subscription to any one of the Harper periodical publications or to all three of them tegether.

APPLETON. Of all the American publishing firms there are none who excel that of D. Appleton & Co., in the value, variety and beauty of their books. They present this season a large number of magnificent illustrated volumes and a larger number of time standard editions of famous authors. Their scientific publications are of rich and permanent value. Among their recent books is the Rev. Stopford Brooke's "Theology in the English Poets," a desirable republication from an English press. Another new volume which is of special interest to Americans is "The Native Races of the Pa-cific States." by Herbert H. Bancroft. This is the first volume of a series of five, and discusses the manners and customs of Wild Tribes. The lovers of fi tion have no need to be told that the Appleton imprint generally indicates a good novel wellbound. Their Juveniles are also to be remembered as among the best of their kind. Two of their latest providings for the young people are "The Happy Hour," a book of holiday fancies and every-day facts, with numerons illustrations; and "Whispers from Fairy Land," a quaint volume by the English politician, E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen. The buyer will be sure to find something to suit his literary taste at No. 549 Broadway, for the immense catalogue of the firm ranges from the most serious and profound works to those of the lightest fancy. It may be suggested that a not unpleasant bollday gift would: be a year's subscription for The Popular Science Monthly, or for Appleton's Journal.

OSGOOD. James R. Osgood & Co. announce this season some beautiful books specially suitable for gifts. Among these is a volume of "Raphael Engravings," containing twenty four plates, reproduced by the excelfamous pictures. The price, \$10, is more than reasonsble. Another valuable gift book, at the same price, is William Blake's "Job," a volume which reproduces in belietype the powerful illustrations of that strange and original genius, and also presents a sketch the artist's life and works, by Charles Ellot Norton. It is scarcely necessary to recall the Osgood standard editions of translations-Bryant's Homer, Longfellow's Danté, Cranch's Virgil, and Bayard Taylor's Faust-for all book-lovers know that there could not be a more appropriate holiday present than any one of these. Among the other publi cations of this firm ranging from lively to severe, their dainty editions of the best American poets must be noted as particularly desirable. Emerson, Whittier, Longfellow, Lowell, Stedman, Taylor-all these the buyer will find shrined in clear type and handsome tion, "Parnassus"-Mr. Emerson's collection of poems by the noblest authors-makes a delightful gift. The Osgoods' agents in New-York are E. P. Dutton & Co., No. 713 Broadway. SCRIBNER.

The Holiday announcements of Scribner, armstrong & Co., and Scribner, Welford & Armstrong. No. 654 Broadway, are extremely inviting. Their importations are, as usual, very large and very fine. They have an attractive catalogue of richly illustrated volumes, artistic, religious, scientific, and imaginative, varying in price from \$4 to \$110. The pretty little Handy-volume edition of Shakespeare in 13 volumes, full morocco or Russia, at \$35, is one of the most acceptable of gifts. The Kau bach illustrations to Goethe and Schiller, and the various magnificent foreign editions of Shakespeare, Scott, Thackeray, Tennyson, etc., may be found at this house. A charming preent is Saintine's "Myths of the Rhine," fancifully Illustrated by Gustave Doré. Another witching to the childish heart is Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge's "Rhymes and Jingles." An excellent gift for boys is the series of historical volumes just being published by Scribner. Armstrong & Co. Books of value on the widest range

of subjects and suited in price to every purse are pub-

lished and sold by this firm. LIPPINCOTT. The house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., whose agency in this city is at No. 25 Bond st., offers countless temptations in the shape of holiday volumes and standard publications. An always useful possession is the revised edition of Chambers's Encyclopædia ;-and per haps most people would be equally gratified by the illustrated holiday edition of Alli-bone's "Poetical Quotations." A bright Christbone's "Poetical Quorations." mas book just published by Lippincott is "The New Hyperion." a delicately humorous piece o wandering wittily illustrated by Doré. Books of more serious interest printed by this house are the Hon. John Bigelow's " Life of Franklin." " Memoirs of John Quincy Adams," Prescott's Works, Forster's Dickens, and Mrs. Howard Furness's Shakespeare Concordanceall of which are welcome at any season. "Malcolm." George Macdonald's new novel just announced by Lippincott, will be a treasure to that author's admirers, as it is reputed to be his best work.

DODD & MEAD. This firm, at No. 762 Broadway, present for boliday gifts an excellent selection of standard works in fine English and American bindings. Some of these are very good-for example, Knight's edition of Shake speare, and that of Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke; Ruskin's "Modern Painters," with 34 engravings on steel and 216 woodcuts; Tennyson's "Idyls of the King," with Doré's illustrations; Taine's "English Literature," four volumes, octavo, in half Russia; and the editions in various styles of Froude's, Lamb's, and Dickens's works. Among the new publications of this house pleasant as gifts are an Abbott series for young people, illustrating the early history of this country and lled "American Pioneers and Patriots;" Dr. Mark Hopkins's "Strength and Beauty," a book of discusglons for young men ; and F. R. Stockton's bright story, "What Might Have Been Expected," for the httle MACMILLAN.

Macmillan & Co., No. 21 Astor-place, thoroughly maintain, here and abroad, their reputation as publishers of peculiarly fine and valuable books. Their republications at ' it ortations give us some of the

most luxurious editions of standard works found in this country. Any one of their new books would be a suitable holiday gift. An artistic one is the Life of Michael Angelo, exquisitely illustrated; and another, almost a fine, Princess Marie Licentenstein's "Halland House," also profusely illustrated. Other holiday announce ments of this firm are Baron de Habner's "Ramb'e Round the World," Freeman's "Norman Conquest," and Prof. David Masson's beautiful edition of Milion's poet-ical works. The children's books printed by this firm are among the very daintiest fancies of English writers for the young.

G. P. Putnam's Sons, Fourth-ave. and Twentythird st. and No. 1,148 Broadway, have a list of various bandsome editions of the most justly noted American and foreign authors. They announce reduced prices during this month. Their list of special holiday books includes Bryant's " Among the Trees," beautifully illustrated by that painter of poetry, Jervis McEntee; an iliustrated edition of Mrs. Hawthorne's "Notes in England and Italy ;" "Summer Etchings in Colorado," by Eliza Greatorex; and a fanciful juvenile, "Moon folk," by Mrs. J. G. Austin. The house has just printed

Geometry and Faith," by the late President Hill of

Harvard: and a very useful volume, "Winter Homes

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for Invalids," by James W. Howe, M. D. HOLT. Henry Holt & Co., No. 25 Bond-st., are specially distinguished for their republications of readable foreign books. The Taine-Doré "Pyrenees," at \$10 and \$20, is a treasure. A graceful gift to a novel loving young lady would be a set of three or more of their neat little Leisure Hour Series; while a student would take pleasure in their recent publication, " Democracy and Monarchy in France," by Prof. Adams. Two of the most charming holiday presents imaginable for anybody, are their translation of Gautier's "Winter in Rossia," and Vers de Société," their new book of fresh and musical verses, containing the works of such fanciful poets as

Praed and Locker. GILL. William F. Gill of Boston (formerly Shepard & Gill) has for sale at all bookstores many excellent books suited for holiday presentation. A very attractive gift book is "Lotos Leaves," which is elegantly printed, bound, and illustrated. Gill also publishes Wilkie Collins's "Frozen Deep," De Mille's "Babes in the Wood," and Jules Verne's "From the Clouds to the Mountains." There has been a great run on the "Lotos Leaves," and it has been out of the market for a day or two, owing to the difficulty in getting books bound at this season. It is not out of print as has been reported, New-York being promised a supply on Monday or Tuesday next.

TURD A HOUGHTON. This house, which distributes its riches at he Riverside Press, Cambridge, and at No. 13 Astorplace, offers a great many excellent books-among them some beautiful illustrated ones, Mrs. Ames's story "His Two Wives," and Mr. Ergleston's "A Rebel's Recollections" are two of their latest publications. The Atlantic is always a favorite, and to receive it at the hands of a friend for any reasonable time would be a double pleasure. The Hurd & Houghton editions of Macaulay, Bacon, Carlyle, Andersen, and Dickens are all very desirable. JAMES MILLER.

James Miller, No. 647 Broadway, has a fine ollection of elaborate presentation books, including Griswold and Stoddard's "Poets and Poetry of America," Female Poets of America," and " Poets and Poetry of England." He has also a new Red Line illustrated edition of Shelley's poetical works, with Memoir by James Russell Lowell. Mr. Miller publishes a number of the charming fairy books for which children are always grateful; and of these, "Popular Fairy Tales," illustrated by Doré, is not the least charming. ROUTLEDGE.

There are many sumptuous holiday books to be found at the establishment of George Routledge & Sons, No. 416 Broome-st.; volumes of engravings from the works of Italian masters, of Landseer, and of Etty are here waiting to give beauty to the homes of lucky purchasers. The story books for children off-red by this firm are crowded with illustrations. Two of their late publications are "A Journey to the North Pole 'The Field of Ice" by the boys' favorite writer, Jules Verne. ALDINE.

The firm hitherto known as James Sutton & Co., No. 58 Maiden-lane, now wears the title of The Aldine Company, and offer besides their journal, The Aldine, a number of reproductions of their engravings ntended for drawing-room ornament and pleasure, and for the drawing class. Scrap-books and impressions of some of their plates, specially intended for passe-partout framing, are also announced by this firm.

DUTTON. E. P. Dutton & Co., the Osgood agents in New-York, are likewise well-known publishers. Besides their own very interesting gift books for children, they dvertise an exceedingly large stock of volumes from They do not confine their trade to books, but have for sale fine heliotypes, photographs, and illuminations, all of which make delightful presents.

LEE & SHEPARD. The firms of Lee & Shepard, Boston, and Lee, Shepard & Dillingham, New-York, present givers prettily illustrated gift-books at prices not too high One of their recent books is Miss Trafton's popular novel, "Katherine Earle." Their publications for children are many and entertaining. They promise various good things for the coming year in Old and New, which is now in their charge.

These Boston publishers, whose work is sold by booksellers everywhere, announce beside their graver books, a number of bright juveniles by authors much beloved by the little people. They are the pubishers of " Katy's Adventures " and of the " Bed Time Stories," related by Mrs. Moulton. Among their pleasantest publications are their editions of modern English poets, Morris, Rossetti, etc.

T. B. PETERSON. Everbody knows how popular are the thriling tales of Mrs. Henry Wood and Mrs. E. D. E. N. southworth, all of which tales are furnished an eager world by T. B. Peterson & Bros. of Philadelphia. They likewise announce what would be a boon to a house keeper, a collection of old Maryland family recipes, en-

titled " The Queen of the Kitchen." IVISON, BLAKEMAN, TAYLOR & CO. There are probably few children so abnor-

mally good and studious as to prefer as a Christmas emembrance a Grammar or a History, but it is well to remind the older people that holidays last only two weeks, and that thereafter the youngsters need the chool-books which are to be found at the store of this firm, Nos. 138 and 140 Grand-st. CARLETON.

G. W. Carleton & Co., Madison-square, advise buyers that immense quantities of their new popular novels are now being sold. They have just published a little satirical volume, "Progressive Petticoats," by R. B. Roosevelt. Carleton has for sale, also, a large variety of handsome stationery and dainty little library tittings and ornaments. MASON.

Albert Mason, No. 13 Astor-place, has just ublished a good gift-book in the shape of Macaulay's Critical and Historical Essays," bound in one volume, accompanied by a portrait of the author. Another recent publication of this house is a series of essays, 'A Free Lance in the Field of Life and Letters," by Prof. W. C. Wilkinson.
BARNES.

A. S. Barnes & Co., Nos. 111 and 113 Williamt., announce that in their International Review for 1875 there will be contributions trom Dr. Noah Porter, the Dean of Cauterbury, Dr. Philip Schaff, the Hon, Geo. P. Marsh, Baron von Holtzendorff, Philip Gilbert Hamerton, Prof. Freeman, and other distinguished writers.

DENHAM. A. Denham & Co., No. 17 Murray-st., have large and attractive collection of books for bolidays and all days. A great proportion of these are second-hand books, some of them being very rare old editions, and copies few and far between. This house is one of the favorite haunts of American bibliophiles.

NELSON. Thos. Nelson & Soas, No. 42 Bleecker-st., are known as publishers of Bibles, Prayer-Books, Hymnals, and other religious books. They offer Bibles bound in every fashion, from the most us-fully plain to the most superb. They have also a stock of good mis-

SHELDON. Sheldon & Co., No. 677 Broadway, announce a fine collection of standard volumes in prose and poetry, rically bound. They have also bibles, prayerbooks, and photograph alonms. They have a variety of novels appropriate for gifts, and an interesting list of juvenile books.

AMEPICAN NEWS COMPANY.

The American News Company in Nassau-

brilliantly-colored and entertaining illustrated volumes. These hold narrative, fiction, and fact enough for the most exacting young reader.

LEGGATT. Leggatt Bros., No. 3 Beekman-st., proclaim that they have "the cheapest bookstore in the world," containing every sort of readable book, chromos, stereoscopic views, etc. Their javenile books are announced as particularly cheap.

S. R. WELLS. S. R. Wells, No. 389 Broadway, publisher of The Science of Health, announces various books of sound, practical advice for the young, and works on physiog-VAN NOSTRAND.

D. Van Nostrand, Nos. 23 Murray-st. and 27 Warren-st., advertises besido his Eclectic Engineering Magazine for practical engineers and mechanics, a varicty of books on the mechanical arts and trades.

C. J. PETERSON. Charles J. Peterson of Philadelphia publishes Peterson's Journal, a monthly magazine filled to the brim with short stories complete in one number. It is diversified, moreover, by poems.

WYMAN. Warren Wyman, No. 13 Bible House, offers bargains in books, mottoes, pictures, and cards for the holidays. These are always pretty gifts.

MASON, BAKER & PRATT. Mason, Baker & Pratt, at Nos. 142 and 144 Grand-st., have an excellent stock of standard books in

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various editions with varying prices.

other books, one on American Cattle, especially valuable to the farmer and stock raiser. THE NURSERY. This prettily-illustrated little magazine for the smallest of small readers is published by J. L.

Shorey, Boston. MUSICAL PUBLICATIONS.

DITSON. Christmas music, in anthems and carols, may be bought at the stere of C. H. Ditson & Co., No. 711 Broadway. Here, too, is sheet music of every sort, classic and modern, music folios and mesical instruments.

PIANOS.

STEINWAY. The holiday demand for pianos has called out the utmost activity with the great plane producing firm of Steinway & Sons. Employing more than a thonsand workmen, and through the year turning out between seventy and eighty planes per week, their trade has been so enlivened with the near approach of Christmas that their manufactory is busy in the evening hours, and has turned out as many as 100 pianos in a week. The reputation of the Steinway instruments is almost world-wide, and a brisk demand for them has sprang up in the countries of Europe and in other foreign lands. The shipping of America pianos to Europe and the praises lavished upon them are gratifying evidences of what the New World can accomplish in departments in which transatlantic countries have long vaunted their superiority. The Steinway warerooms are at Nos. 109 and 111 East Fourteenth-st. The new patent tone-producing pedal which has been put in this piano is claimed to be a very valuable invention, much increasing the capacity of the instrument for musical effects. WEBER.

The Weber planes have rapidly risen to a lefty position in the esteem of connoisseurs and in the favor of the public. Parepa, Nilsson, Kellogg, Lucca, Patti, Strauss, and Wehli have all spoken highly of them, and the favor with which they are regarded in this city is shown by the fact that one-half of all that are made are readily sold in New-York and its suburbs. During the past year Mr. Weber has manufactured about 40 pianos per week, on the average. Several instruments which he has made for Christmas sale are marvels of elegance, the beauty of fluish and quality of tone being most admirable. Hardly any more acceptable gift from a wealthy giver could be found than one of Weber's finest planes, and while the costly material put in them and the labor lavished upon them place them out of the reach of those of narrow means, they cannot be considered high-priced for their

The great New-England plane-manufactory at Boston of which the firm of Chickering & Sons at No. 11 East Fourteenth-st., is a branch, is enjoying a prosperous Winter, and the capacity of its immense works in the Bay State metropolis is tried to the utmost. Producing over three-score planes weekly, and often three-score and ten, it maintains and adds to all the merits which have made the reputation of these instruments, while the honest, thorough work that is put into them, and the eagerness of the makers to discover or accept sustain the popularity of the Chickering pianos and the favor with which they are looked upon by the discriminating. One-fourth of their instruments are sold in this city and vicinity, and the sales in the South and Southwest are increasing, while their exportations of instruments to South America are extensive.

The Baltimore plane firm of William Knabe & Co. is one of the oldest in the country and has had much to do with raising the reputation of American planes as compared with those of foreign make, The branch house in this city, at No. 113 Fifthave., has drawn a fair share of local business, and the fine warerooms contain some exception ally elegant instruments made for holiday purchasers. Making from 40 to 59 pianos per week, the Knabe manufactory sends instruments to divers quarters of the United States and finds valuable patrons in South America, the West Indies, and in Europe. Their trade in the Southern States has been extending largely of late years, with the improvement of business in that section. The Knabe planes have been the most popular of any in the South, and they certainly leave no room for complaint wherever they are tested.

DECKER. The excellent planes of the Decker Brothers are much sought after in the West, and not a few go to the New-England States, while the visits of buyers from this vicinity to the attractive salesrooms at No. 33 Union square are frequent. Some spleudid instruments have been made expressly for the holiday trade, and sales are so encouraging that the Decker manufactory is working over time. This firm makes all styles, the concert grand, parlor grand, upright, and square; and the demand for all three of th latter styles is good, while the uprights are coming more prominently into favor with every year. Their conveplence of form and their excellence of tone and thoroughness of workmanship make their success easy. Decker Bros. manufacture about 60 pianos per week, and one-third of them are sold in this city and neighbor-

STECK. George Steck & Co. send many planes to the West, and the demand for them through the Middle States is brisk. Their grand planes, to which the judgment of those competent to discriminate assigns a very high place. and upon which the utmost care in construction is bestowed, guided by the nicest skill, are in good demand. especially at this season, and uprights sell more freely than this class of instruments sold formerly. The Steck salesfooms are at No. 25 East Fourteenth-st., and their city business is liberal in its proportions. For five years the sales of the Steck planes in New-England have been increasing, until now they have reached very satisfactory proportions. SCHIRMER.

Purchasers of planes and those who have them aleady, not to speak of those who solace their leisure with other musical instruments, ought to be provided with the best music, new and old. They can be supplied at G. Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway, importer and publisher of music. Classic and modern music in the nost elegant editions, and the cheaper as well, can be found there, and the circulating music library is worthy of attention.

LINDEMAN & SONS. East Fourteenth-st. has become the great musical center of the city, and the space between Fifth-ave. and Union-square is so taken up with pinno warerooms that ther business is rather shouldered aside. At No. 14 East Fourteeath-st, are the warerooms of Lindeman Sons, who are prepared to furnish the householders of Fifth-ave., or the less wealthy residents of other parts of the city, with instruments of approved merit. BACON & KARR.

Any who desire appropriate holiday presents which shall be treasuries of sweet sound and at the same time shall be elegant enough to ornament a handsome drawing-room, will not be disappointed on going to Bacon & Karr at No. 255 Greene-st., where prices are kept at a level which does not confine the purchase of excellent instruments to the very wealthy alone. WATERS.

The new scale pianes of Horace Waters & Son at No. 481 Broadway have peculiar merits and are sold at exst. provides for the little people this season a number of | tremety low prices during the holiday season. The | purchaser to fix his own price - that is, by daily auction

reputation of the Waters concerto and orchestral organs is very wide, and has constantly extended rather than suffered diminution. The tone and beauty of the concerto organs are especially worthy of praise, and the concerto-stop gives a fine imitation of the human voice. The Waters instruments can be bought on mouthly installments, and liberal discounts are made to several classes of purchasers.

JEWELRY AND FANCY GOODS.

NICOL, DAVIDSON & CO.
The house of Nicol, Davidson & Co., at 686 Broadway. has won an enviable place in the favor of purchasers of several sorts of goods which are sought after in this December season of gift-giving and good cheer. The firm have found sufficien freason for offering all the articles in several large departments of their store at much lower prices than those which have ruled before, and considerably lower, probably, than would now have been maintained but for the near approach of the expiration of the copartnership. Of handsome chandeliers and gas-fixtures there is a sufficient showing to impress the observer favorably, and the bronze figures and clocks are from approved makers, and are not lacking in merit. Fancy goods judiciously selected with regard to the tastes of discerning purchasers, silver-placed ware in variety, composition bronzes and clocks in the artistic forms in which these are now made, and glassware and china fit to set upon a Christmas board, are also included in the departments in which special inducements are offered. HOWARD.

The situation of the store of Howard & Co., at No. 222 Fifth-ave., is well suited to secure attention to a rich stock of jewelry and elegant ornaments. In their win-Taintor Bros., No. 678 Broadway, offer, among dows this firm show some admirable bronzes, not the least worthy of them being a miniature copy of the Venus of Mite. Within, their collection of bronzes and handsome clocks, the large number of watches in many styles of cases—the best American watches taking a very large space in this department-the fancy goods, opera glasses, and so on, and the brilliant precious stones, either set or muset, draw in admiring crowds. Their jewelry has tasteful settings, which bring out with full radiance the rich luster of the gems. Tars house lays special stress on its diamonds and the solitaires of many sizes, from the least to the largest.

BAWO & DOTTER.

Bawo & Dotter, importers, at Nos. 30 and 32 Barelayst., by their direct connection with the associated house at Limoges, France, have special advantages in the importation and sale of the fine productions of French artistic skill and nimble ingenuity, and their clocks and bronges from renowned French houses, their statuary of Parian marble—which possesses the soft beauty so readily afforded by that material—their admirable glassware for table use and the ornaments in glass, rarely beautiful in outline and tints, their graceful toilet-sets, and the variety of elegant services for dinner, tea, and dessert in French china, give opportunity for examining the position which fine French work in these departments occupies with regard to the work of other peoples. NASH.

Jewelry of his own manufacture is offered by P. J. Nash, at No. 712 Broadway, during the hours when shopping is brisk, and it is claimed that the usual manufac turer's profit is resigned to the advantage of the buyer. Well-made bracelets of Roman gold, diamonds so set as to obscure none of their beauty, and rich crosses, together with carefully-chosen gold watches and chains of the forms now most in request, make some of the more prominent parts of the stock. Cameo, amethyst, pearl and corat sets and half-sets, lockets, seals, rings, and other articles of ornament are numerous and care-TOMES.

Francis Tomes & Co., at No. 6 Maiden-lane, have & stock which has many attractions for holiday purchasers. Carefully collected fancy goods from London, Paris, and Vienna, the great capitals which furnish the world with them, appear here. Traveling bags and dressing-cases, glove-boxes, inkstands, brouzed, gilt and exidized articles, opera-glasses in cases of pearl, shell, aluminum, leather and velvet, choice fans, toilet articles and ivory, tortoise shell, mirrors and hand-glasses, silk umbrellas and fine cutlery, are some of the articles which give room for holiday choice.

SQUIRE. H. N. Squire, at No. 97 Fuiton-st., has watches which will meet the tastes of those who may desire a holiday gift of assured excellence and worth, these pocket tim keepers being from the best makers and handsomely eased. Between Tuanksgiving Day and the New-Year there is much giving in marriage as well as giving of gifts, and Squire displays new designs in wedding rings to provide for this tendency. Diamonds of choice quality and sterling silverware are also attractive features of

THE FINE ARTS.

GOUPIL. M. Knoedler & Co. (successors to Gonpil & ection which fills a large place in the attention of lovers and embody every improvement that can be made. of the fine arts, and for this season they have new and varied selections. Their stock has matter of interest to all classes who would make a Christmas gift of true artwork, from engravings of cost very moderate for their worth, up to the costly oil paintings of some of the best known of modern ertists. The assortment leaves nothing to be desired in the room for choice it gives to those who have the means to make a Christmas gift of a meritorious painting or engraving. Few gifts can be more highly prized. Its beauty and its refining influence will far outlast the lives of both giver and recipient. In the water-colors the Goupil collection is rich, and there are line engravings and rare etchings by old and modern masters which delight the eye of the connolsseur. Porcelain paintings and colored photo graphs appeal more directly than these to tastes less florly trained, but there is some excellent work upon Excellent Christmas gifts for artists, amateur or other, may be chosen at Goupil's, and the assortment of artists' materials and easels is large enough to be remarkable. The class of general pur chasers will be interested in the handsome portrait frames which this house displays.

HOUSEHOLD ORNAMENT AND USE.

MERIDEN BRITANNIA COMPANY. The Meriden Britannia Company in their spacious and elegant warerooms at No. 550 Broadway. present so full and extensive an exhibition of the handsome products of their work in silver-plated ware, as to show branch of American industry, at least, has not apsed into inactivity on account of panic times; and the information that their factories at West Meriden in Connecticut are busy far into the evening hours with extra tasks and extra force of men shows the general appre ciation of sound workmanship, as well as the cordial welcome extended to the novel and graceful products o their manufacture. The extent of their stock in this city is enormous, but there is no dull sameness about the designs to make a task of the inspection of their laden shelves and counters. One of the singular merits of their manufacture of table-ware is in the plan of applying a much thicker plating of silver to those parts of spoons and forks and other articles which sustain the most wear. Every housewife who has used the articles prepared by this process-and their name is legionpplauds the ingenious thought, for all know that in the work of many other manufacturers the more exposed parts of articles of table use are apt to lose their precious coating long before the rest of the spoon fork, or other article is past its usefulness. The import ance and diversity of the industry carried on by this Company may be inferred from even a basty examination of what their warerooms have to show, and from the statement that there are more than 5,000 different articles there. Services for breakfast, dinner, and tea with wide range of design and ornament-but none roughly done or unattractive in appearance-and with orfaces on which either appears the smooth and brillant luster of high polish or the delicate sating nnish, attract extended notice. There are side-dishes elaborate in design and dainty shapes for candelabra and in ornamental articles, which have their use als The percelain-lined pitchers of this Company have long

and their lasting worth commend them widely. BASSFORD. Bassford's name is indissolubly connected with completeness in the collection of articles to farnish forth ables, dining halls, and kitchens, and has not a few articles which fitly ornament mantels and parlor cabinets. Kitchen outfits from \$30 upward, a great variety of dinner sets and china and glassware, make a part of the useful element in the stock, while rich Bohemia ware, toilet sets, beautiful forms in cut glass, and exquisite vases are among the articles of ornament.

been deservedly popular, and deserve a word at a time

when so many think of replenishing their sideboards

and closets. In the simple and universal articles of

table use-spoous, forks, and knives-the sales of this

Company are immense, and their advantages of form

At No. 4 Maiden-lane the Taunton Silver Plate Con pany is disposing of an entire stock of silver-plated ware, consisting mainly of articles for table use, by an arrangement which, to a certain extent, enables the

TAUNTON SILVER PLATE.

sales. There are pretty designs to be selected from the productions of this manufactory, and the many persons who at this time are looking for articles of the kinds included in the stock of this Company may well give some attention to the sales at No. 4 Maiden-lane, which present attractions enough to reward an inspection of the stock, while the mode of sale leaves no risk of overcharge.

MERIDEN CUTLERY.

For the carving of Christmas flesh and fowl and for the furnishing forth of holiday tables the manufac-tures of the Meriden Cutlery Company, at No. 49 Chambers-st., merit attention at this time. This Company claims to have been the first to use hard rubber handles, and its cutlery is well known for honest worth.

CHRISTMAS TABLES.

The good cheer which is so general a feature in the merry-making would be very incomplete without the cups from which floats the grateful aroma of the berries of Arabia or the leaves of China and Japan. The tea and coffee which the Great American Tea Company, whose headquarters are st No. 31 Vesey-st., are noted for their purity and excellence.

An inviting relish for the dainties of holiday dining will be found in the Windsor Manor Pickles which have come into great favor with the judicious.

Of the generous accompaniments to festivity which increase the pleasure and stimulate the liveliness of fine dinners, Macy & Jenkins at No. 67 Liberty st. have an unusual stock, and their charets and champagnes are worthy of a good place on the most ambitious bills of

FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY.

SOLOMON. The warerooms of B. L. Solomon & Sons at

Nos. 657 and 659 Broadway have been for a considerable time renowned for the elegance and merit of what is made there, and the imported goods displayed, adapted for the furnishing and ornament of luxurious mansions. The completeness of the means possessed by this firm for the almost immediate exhibition here of every desirable new fabric in their departments which is produced by the most accomplished makers in the Old World makes their establishment unique in its fullness of elegant display. Lace curtains, fit to ornament a European palace, bang in delicate folds, while there is room enough for selection by those of moderate tastes. Nottingham curtains, curtain materials, and furniture coverings, comprising all the novel European productions, are in the stock, and their richness and beauty show the highest attainment of skill in those kinds of work. There are new and admirable styles in cretonnes and satines, and new and artistically-combined tints in gilt window-shades. Piano covers and table covers of the finest material and best workmanship are not the least conspicuous in the well-filled departments. There are magnificent styles of furniture for drawing-rooms, reception-rooms, boudous, dining and bedrooms, and the hails are not passed by. There are some very choice library sets and elegant bedroom furniture, showing the striking effects of the artistic use of the choicest woods, some of it most admirably carved. Escritoires and cabinet desks for ladies are tempting enough for the daintiest taste, and there are cabinets of unrivated elegance in marquetrie, gold, and bronze. The collection of bronzes, jardinieres, urns, clocks, and imitations in bronze is very rich, and the bronze figures in gold bronze and the dacker metal reward close examination. There are pedestals and easels, and many graceful ornaments suitable for holiday presents. Library tables in silver, wood, and gilt, fancy reception chairs, handsome camp chairs, and Orienta! chairs inviting soft repose, claim a word. In other departments the looms of Persia, Japan, China, and France have contributed their finest work, while the wall-paper, in great variety of design and shades, includes some of the most charming designs for wall covering that can be imagined.

DE GRAAF & TAYLOR. De Graaf & Taylor, at Nos. 87 and 89 Bowery, and at their branch store at No. 81 Fourth ave., are making an extensive exhibition of handsome furniture and upholstery. Their materials have been chosen with dis crimination, their designs have been comely and generally acceptable, and their workmanship has been therough. The substantial merit of their goods would perhaps have justified the fixing of higher prices than those which they have established, but for the remainder of the month they offer unprecedented temptations to holiday purchasers whose wishes lead them to the ex-amination of articles of household use and ornament. In order to reduce their great stocks they announce cost prices up to Jan. 1, and the very extent af their assortment of fine furniture and other household goods, which suggest this step, is itself an attraction to buyers who may feel confident that it will not be necessary for them to go elsewhere for the gratification of a particular fancy. In every department of the business of this firm there is fullness and variety enough to satisfy the most fastidious. Mirrors of the clearest surface and with the richest frames, cornices elegant in shape and ornament, curtains from the plainer styles to those of silk velvet hats if the finest quality, 2000 point lace much delicacy and high value, and furniture for balls, | collars-at far below the cost of importation-articles in parlors, dining-rooms, libraries, and chambers, are all | all choice laces, rufflings, and novelties in cocpe de cheme good taste shown in the character of the woods and the colors of the coverings, and a nice discrimination in adapting the appearance of the set to the character of the apartment in which it is to be used.

SLOANE. The name of Sloane has become so largely identified with the sale of fine carpetings, the floor coverings for so many elegant mansions in this city, as well as those of certain hotels and steamboats having come from this house, that there hard y seems need to refer to the extent and richness of the stock of W. & J. Sloane at Nos. 649 and 651 Broadway. No parlor could be more sumptuously fitted to the feet than with some of the magnificent imported goods of Messrs. Sloane. The immense extent of the store gives opportunities for display, which are well improved. The windows are orilliant with matchless combinations of color, and the great inner spaces of the warerooms are alive with charming tints when the carpet-rolls are opened.

WARD. Standard furniture is that which crowds the long floors of Warren Ward & Co.'s lofty store at No. 75 Spring-st. Up stairs there are superb parlor sets covered with blue and crimson satin, or in shades of quiet beauty, and finished with the nice attention to detail for which this house is noted. Tables and stands of light and graceful shapes and prettily ornamented; chairs, the inxurious elegance of which invites admiration, while enerr soft ease tempts to lounging-among these and many other goods there is matter enough for praise and worth

enough to reward patrons. IRVING. Holiday furniture is attractively displayed by Irving & Son at Nos. 204, 206, and 208 East Twenty-reventh-st., the great building which they occupy containing both their manufactory and their warerooms. Their Tuckish chairs, fancy easels, dainty work-boxes and writing desks are admirable for Christmas gifts, and their fine furniture is thoroughly adapted for the refitting of rooms for a season of gayety. This stock is held at factory prices, and an examination of the warerooms is needed to understand its extent and excellence.

HYATT. George E. L. Hyatt, at No. 273 Canal-st., is well prepared to supply carpets of velvet, body Brussels, tapestry Brussels, three-ply and ingrain, according to the wishe of his patrons, and the every-day articles of mattings and oil cloths are also displayed abundantly at this establishment.

KRUTINA. F. Krutina, at Nos. 96 and 98 East Houston-st., between the Bowery and Second ave., has an extensive stock of well-made furniture, and not only in the character of the goods, but in the special concession in prices, holds out especial inducements to December buyers.

LEE. W. H. Lee, at Nos. 199 and 201 Fulton-st., offers furniture proper for all seasons of the year, but is well provided with those articles which are more sought after to early Winter than at other times, and has reason to invite holday buyers to look at his stock.

DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, ETC. RIDLEY.

Edward Ridley & Son, at Nos. 309, 311, and 111 Grand-st., show in their extensive establishment, the busiest place in all that busy quarter, as the lessening days and the sharper quality in the air denote the approach of Yule tide. The three floors of the broad store where the retail business is done contain troops of nimble attendants, who, numerous as they are, are heavily tasked in the busier hours of the day to serve the great throngs of customers who are continually pourng in. The shelves and counters are gay with Christ mas tints and heaped with pretty things fit for holiday presentation. There are toys from many parts of the world; toys which show Yankee ingenuity; toys which exhibit the long and minute labor of deft swiss bands; toys which seem to have acjuired the brisk and lively movements of the French. and toys from little German hamlets where long Winter hours were spent in fashioning them. The base ment floor of this well-filled store is given to children's carriages and the cheaper toys; on the first floor are fancy goods, perfumery, jewelry, and leather goods; the second floor are fine dolls, a complete dolls

furnishing department, handsome work-boxes, cages, causry birds, and the most elaborate toys, while the third floor is set aside wholly for wholesale trade. Tax exhibition of this house, which bears its 25th boiling greeting, contains a larger variety than it ever offered before, although it has long been known, especially throughout the great east side of the city, as marvelously comprehensive in its departments. Writing-desks, fancy leather goods, traveling-bazs, work-boxes, enddren's furniture, toy animals, stables, vehicles, mechanical toys, and stationery form a small fraction of the stock. Not only is the stock larger than ever, but the prices are lower. Millinery goods, ladies' sushes and ash ribbons, kid gloves, furs, hats and bonnets for ladies, and hats fit for the holidays for men (including dress bats and sealskin, as well as other kinds), a specially attractive department of ladies' silk scarfs and the department for silver ware, attract attention as the visitor, somewhat bewildered by the variety of appeals to his interest, passes through the several departments. Tuaimmense expansion of the business of E. Redley & Son has been one to enterprise, to never-relaxing energy in efforts to occupy a large place in the public eye by appealing to it through the most effective channels, and, most important of all, by a determination never to allow any exaggeration of the real worth of goods, and to give patrons a liberal return for the money they spend. Among other holiday attractions not before mentioned, this house exhibits collars of real thread lace, real house ton, Maitese, applique and point, and real thread and applique barbes, and other articles in thread, gaipure, applique and yak laces, initial and slik hamakerchiefs in profusion, and an enormous number of book mant.

M'CREERY.

James McCreery & to., as E.eventh-st, and Broadway, north-west corner, have a handsome store ma hand some structure, make an interesting exploition in and about the windows, and fill the long wide store to the utmost of its capacity with a valuable stock. Of the dress patterns, which are so largely bought this mouth, this firm has five thousand in cotton and wool fabrics from \$1 upward, and for convenience these goods are put upon a separate counter. Unprecedented reductions have been made in all the dress goods departments. Of camel's hair cloth, Scotch goods, and general dress goods the assortment is very extensive, and in slike, colored and black, and in velvets of the most approved shades, the full stocks previously kept here have been surpassed. For a valuable hollay present, the worth of which will be lasting, the firm suggest a scho-tion from their real camer's hair snawls from I idia, of which the prices have been very much cut down, and now range from \$85 to \$1,500. The lace goods include black thread, point and point-applique lace barb s. handkerchiefs of Duchesse, Valenciannes, and other laces, parasol and fan covers, trammings and flowerings in variety of the most delicate handiwork. Handser chiefs with initials and with colored borders, si & hand kerchiefs. Roman and gros-grain sashes, crape de chine. Windsor and fancy sink ties and scarls are some of this most brilliant articles in the store. The furs, the Para embroidered and beaded jackets and overskirts, and and cloak department, are conspicaous.

JOHNSTON.

J. & C. Johnston, at Broad way, Fifth-ave., and Twenty-second-st., are the far hest up town of the leading Broadway dry-goods houses, and their position just below Madison-square, and with a store extending from the great business thoroughfare through to the great avenue of fashion, becomes more advantageous every year from the advance up-town of the center of elegant society. The character of their goods is filted to meet the approval of Fifth-ave, purchasers, while there have recently been made large concessions in prices which were not extravagant before. In their dress fabries destrable holiday patterns are shown with a large range in prices, and their silk department is very fall, the genuine Lyons sliks being marked at specially liberal rates. Handsome camel's hair shawls in finel, square, and striped designs are attractive to purchasers, and as the prices range from \$65 to \$600 purses of various capacity are provided for. Imitation shawls from \$25 to \$60 are pretty in pattern and colors, and make becoming additions to the out-door toilet. There are carpe's here well fitted for pariors whose floors need remantling for holt day receptions, and variety in handsome upholsters In domestic goods there is large provision for many needs of the household.

O'NEILL.

These December days crowd the walks and stores of Sixth ave, as they are never crowded at other times in the year, and no small portion of the eager throng enters the doors of H. O'Neill & Co., at Nos. 3.7 and 329. A plan to deplete heavily the immeuse stock before Carre. mas day has marked down the prices to a surprising extent. Sash ribbons in gros-grain, all silk of the choice shades of navy blue, seal brown and garnet, seven and eight inches, and black gros-grain of nine inches, soft silk and Roman sashes, and trimming ribbons in proftsion, form a part of a most complete collection of rib bons. Hundreds of dozens of felt hats, together with and organdie, sleeveless jackets and children's hats are other attractive departments. Crêpe de chene and fancy ties for ladies are counted by thousands, as are the silk muffiers in white and fancy shades with elegant borders. Kid gloves in variety, and ostrica and fancy feather trimming and birds for hat ornaments make a diversified spectacle.

JOHNSON BROS. & CO. At Nos. 34 and 36 East Fourteenth-st., Union-square,

Johnson Bros. & Co. offer an exceptionally full and varied stock of lace goods, with special temprations in prices Handkerchiefs of real point, and real Valenciennes, and point applique, caps and sleeves of genuine Valenciennes, barbes of real point and black thread, gulpure, yak, and beaded laces, make a part of tuem. Littal handkerchiefs from 50 cents to \$1.25 each; salk handker chiefs for both sexes in all the new and favorite shades and ribbons of choice kinds are dwelt upon. In siles and velvets, black and colored, in fars for women and children, in hats and the flowers and feathers which pertain to them, and in hostery and gloves prices have been cut down unsparingly. Loudon, Paris, and Vicana fancy goods have been largely imported by this house, and bronzes, dressing-cases, albums, writing desks, tak stands, graceful vases in such exquisite material as Behemian glass, alabaster, and porceiain, and tollet sets of the same are included in these importations. Ea glish silk umbrellas with sticks of pearl and ivory, and beautifully carved wood are also shown.

BLOOM,

J. Bloom & Bro., at Nos. 338 and 340 Bowery, refer to the lightness of their expenses as compared with other extensive establishments and to their success in disposing of mally large lots of their fancy articles at prices below import cost as reasons for their claim of offering first-class articles at rates which make competition very difficult. Elegant statueties and mantel ornaments. card-receivers, stands of many sorts, Russia leather goods in handsome boxes and cases, Berlin worsted embroideries in sofa-cushious and chair-coverings, comprise a part of their ornaments for apartments. For the adorning of the occupants of these apartments there are exquisite fabries in guipure, thread, Valenciennes, point, Duchesse, and applique laces, including over dresses, fichus, siceveless jackets, and currasses. For tie same purpose are really fancy aprons, the laxorious house-robes and wrappers, the initial handkerchiefs, and embroidered sets of collars and cuffs. Dressing-cases, portfolios, glove and handkerchief-boxes, traveling companions, French perfames, and kid gloves, each deserve

WILSON & GREIG.

Cloaks, costumes, and furs claim special attention as Wilson & Greig's, No. 771 Broadway, Velvet clouks, cloaks of the sumptuous and heavy matelasse silk, cloth cloaks, and opera cloaks, carriage cloaks, and house jackets make a large display. Costumes in many materials are marked at prices from \$8 upward-sone of them at less than the cost of the fabric. Paris embroidered cashmere polonaises, tabliers, jackets, and Metternichs are sought after here by the fair sex, who find their tastes gratified also in laces, embroideries, silk ties, bows, and ruffs. Furs and fur trimming make an ample show, and seal, mink, and other and cheaper furs for ladies and children deserve notice.

MEARES.

Richard Meares, at Sixth ave. and Nineteenth-st., is & sort of bountiful Santa Claus, and his store contains enough to fill many times over the pack and his reindeer-drawn sleigh of the merry old Christmas elf. Capacious stockings they must be, hung up at the foot of the little beds, which can contain some of the marvelous toys or some of the lady-like dolls at Meares's. His collection of fancy goods, and of holiday articles fit to gladden the eyes of both young and old on Christmas mornings, is large and well chosen. Ever since the holiday opening, about ten days ago, the place has been a lively center of attraction to youthful eyes, and ladies have been slow to pass it by.

MAILLARD. The middle of December brought the opening of Maillard's holiday display of elegant boxes and articles to hold store of the luscious sweets with which his house is connected. His large and well-appointed place under the Fifth Avenue Hotel makes a pretty spectacle in these merry days with its dainty heavs of tempting,

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